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HOLY TRINITY, QUEENBOROUGH, KENT

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**HOLY TRINITY,
QUEENBOROUGH, KENT**

FOR over 600 years, Holy Trinity Church, Queenborough, has watched quietly over the varied history of the borough. It has seen Queenborough change from a bustling fishing and naval town to a busy industrial and residential town. The church was built in Gothic style, using Kentish ragstone, by Edward III in about 1350. Until 1557 the church was a chapel run from the Abbey at Minster.

Interesting features inside the church include an octagonal Font made of Kentish ragstone, which dates back to 1610; two brass candelabra which were given by George Iles who was 14 times mayor. One is surmounted by a cherub's head and the other by a dove, with wings outstretched. On the south wall, above the Corporation seats, are the Royal Arms of Queen Anne, inscribed AR 1713. The very unusual wooden ceiling dates back to 1698. This was painted by an unknown Dutch painter and represents the firmament with white clouds and gold stars. The greatest treasures of the church are the silver communion vessels given during the reign of Charles II by his Secretary of State.

THE BELLS

These are the lightest ring of six bells in the county of Kent.

Treble 2-2-25
Given by the Freemasons of Sheppey in
memoriam Edward VII at Trinity, 1911

2 3-1-21
3 3-2-0

Made by Anthony Bartlett in 1667

4 4-0-7
5 4-2-26
Tenor 5-2-21

The Mayor's Bell

Originally cast by Anthony Bartlett in 1667

Recast in 1722 by R. Phelps

Recast 1911 and 1933 by Mears and Stainbank

THE RINGERS

At the present time there is a very enthusiastic band of youngsters (indeed, the tower has a waiting list of young people eager to become members of the band). The bells are rung regularly for Sunday services (ringing at 9.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.) and practice night is Tuesday



The wedding of David Robinson of Merriott and Anna Penny of Stoke-sub-Hamdon both ringers of their parishes in Somerset and whose fathers are their respective captains.

Anna wore a full length classic style gown of cream polyester crepe, with full length veil, and was attended by four tiny bridesmaids in brown floral dresses with cream over-aprons trimmed with broderie anglaise. All the dresses were made by the bridegroom's sister (also a ringer).

The church was tastefully decorated by friends of a local floral society. The bells were rung prior to and after the wedding by colleagues from both towers, others forming a guard of honour with handbells as the couple left the church.

David is a member of the Wednesday quarter peal band organised by Tim Collins. He rang his first peal for his own wedding.

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(7.00-9.00 p.m.). Surprise Minor methods are regularly rung on practice night and for Sunday service. The tower captain is David Leworthy and the tower secretary Miss Sian Healy, 30 Belgrave Road, Halfway, Sheerness, telephone Sheerness 5599.



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PRESENTATION

At the Western District meeting on August 12th at Apsley End more than 50 sat down to tea and at the meeting there was a presentation.

While Mr. Bert Bradbury took the chair Miss Ena Ayre presented a book in memory of her father (Walter Ayre) to the Association and was received by Mr. Vic Frost (County librarian). The book will be used as a scrap book, Mr. Frost having suggested some time ago that throughout the county local papers and magazines often carry articles on ringing and ringers which could be centralised and kept in the library for future reference and interest.

The bell fund realised £5.01.

R.E.S.



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Ringers: back row, l. to r.: David Leworthy, Tracey Simpson, Marianne Leworthy, Robin Murch (Vicar), Neil Moring (a), Bridget Penney, Paul Tomes (a). Middle row, l. to r.: Elizabeth James (a), Julie Howland, Sian Healy, Jill Simmonds, Donna Benham, Klaudia and Andrea Pfisterer (German visitors), Penny Lowen. Front row: Debra Dewey, Helena Stickings. (a) Associate members of the band.

Ringers absent: Lisa Rayfield, Helen Thompson, Jane Tait, Bridget Leworthy and Karen Pitcher.